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Engenni language

Engenni (*Ẹgẹnẹ*) is an Edoid language of Nigeria.

Engenni	
Ẹgẹnẹ	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Bayelsa State, Rivers State
Ethnicity	Engenni people
Native speakers	(20,000 cited 1980)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Volta–Niger ▪ YEAI ▪ Edoid ▪ Delta ▪ **Engenni**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`enn`
Glottolog	`enge1239 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/enge1239)`[2]

Grammar

Engenni is a fairly isolating language, having little affixation.[3] There is no plural form for words. It has definite articles, but no indefinite articles. There is a two-contrast with regards to demonstratives, while pronominal and adnominal demonstratives are identical (as in English). Verbs are marked for perfective/imperfective aspect, but there is no past tense.[4]

Engenni is an SVO language that uses prepositions. Adjectives, demonstratives, and numerals follow the noun they describe. Yes–no questions are marked with a special particle, which goes at the end of the question. Negation is indicated by a change in tone.

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